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The Branch welcomes your news, stories, views, questions etc...

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From the Chair ...

I hope you all had a lovely summer. Well at least there is an exciting new season of dancing to look forward to.

Firstly we start the term with dance Scottish week, 12 - 19 September. During this week classes are free. Enclosed in this newsletter is a leaflet for you to put up in your local post office, library etc or hand it to someone you think may like to try scottish dancing. This leaflet can be handed out at any time, it doesn't have to be for dance scottish week.

Also why don't you try one of the other classes during dance Scottish week. See the reverse of this newsletter for class details.

Why not think about trying the Sunday class in October? This is a very friendly classes, it is also a chance to meet people from other areas and try something a little different. Leaflet enclosed in this newsletter.

On the 19th September we have the Day school with Mervyn Short and Ian Slater. This is usually an excellent day, an application form enclosed in this newsletter. We are also running a morning session for beginners and less experienced dancers: please encourage your friends to come along and try. The day school is followed by the 1st Branch dance of the season with music from Robert Whitehead & the Danelaw Band. The MC is Irene Dracup who has devised a great programme that is very danceable and accessible for all levels. If you come to the day school you get £1 off the dance!

October 17 is a walk through dance, which will follow the AGM at approx 7.45pm. Encourage your friends as this is a good way to introduce them to branch dances. Music Ian Slater, MC Avis Harrison. Programme arranged by Susan and Alan Carr.

The 24th October is the Highland and Ladies Step Day School. The day is designed to be accessible to every level of dancer and all are welcome.

21 Nov brings our join ball with RSCDS York & North Humberside, so order your tickets now! This promises to be a great event, more details on page 7.

On 5 December we are trying something new, a day School on Scottish Dances of the time of Robert Burns. More details on page 2

From the committee.

October 17 is the Branch AGM at 7pm at West Park. To continue running the all the activities and for the branch to continue as it does we need your help. Think about joining us on the branch committee, this is not a big commitment as we only meet every couple of months. If you are interested, or know any one that would be interested then let me know or fill in the enclosed nomination form.

Happy Dancing!!

Catherine Livsey

Subscription to this Newsletter can be taken out at £5.00 for 4 issues for non Leeds Branch Members. Contact Brenda Burnell for details and form.

The Branch web site is www.rscdsleeds.org.uk Why not give it a try.

Noel Watson: An appreciation

It was a shock to hear of Noel's death whilst on holiday in France. He has been at the heart of the dancing scene for so long it is hard to imagine its continuing without him. He was a popular dancer, a man with great generosity of spirit. His knowledge of dancing and the musicianship involved was wide and comprehensive. An erudite man he had many interests and skills. Apart from dancing he was an enthusiastic walker, an accomplished artist and wood worker, an embroiderer and he enjoyed good food and wine. For many years now the highlight of his year was the time he spent in France with Jacqui in their caravan. Sadly, this year's trip was to prove his last. It will be small consolation but possibly some comfort to Jacqui and the family that Noel died doing what he enjoyed. At his funeral, the collection for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance raised £619. He will be sadly missed.

Day School, Scottish Dances of the time of Robert Burns

**Saturday 5th December (times will be advised in the November Newsletter)
Day Workshop at Bramhope Methodist
Church Hall, Breary Lane, Bramhope
with Robin Lambie.**

The day will start with a brief look at the sort of dances being danced before Country Dances came on the scene, then go on to the dance that is probably the oldest of all Country Dances.

Then, a few that were mentioned in references in the Elizabethan/Mary Stewart period, but were still being danced in 1650 and much later.

The main period to be looked at is the 18th century, (especially R. Burns associated dances), which is the style SCD evolved from. This will include some of the tempos that are not used nowadays in SCD, but were, and are still, very popular. (Musically, 3/4, 3/2, 9/8.)

Be prepared to be surprised at how things have altered! Then decide on what you prefer.

Please contact: Lesley Enoch after 19th September for a booking form on 0113 2777113 or email: l.enoch@btinternet.com, or the Leeds Branch website: rscdsleeds.org.uk.

Branch Shop

The shop is now well stocked and here are some of the offerings.

CDs

All the RSCDS CDs, including the two new ones - Book 9 and Book 11.

Plus a comprehensive list of over 200 CDs we can get, and any others from Music in Scotland. The list can be downloaded from the website, picked up at a branch dance or posted to you.

Books

Pilling, Originally Ours and Index to Formations and Movements in SCD as well as recent books and CDs produced by other branches such as Birmingham and Banffshire. All the RSCDS books and the pocket editions.

Shoes

Full range of ghillies and ballet shoes, plus others to order

Miscellaneous

RSCDS Ties, slip stop and the latest DVD of We Twa.

If you would like any thing else we are happy to try and get it for you.

or see www.rscdsleeds.org.uk for more details

Please support your Branch shop!

Sat 19th September 2009 7.30pm SOCIAL DANCE

West Park Centre, Spens Lane

Music: Robert Whitehead & Danelaw Band MC: Irene Dracup

Admission: £8, Non-member £9, Full time Education £3,
Children under 11 £2, Spectators £1

Programme

Hooper's Jig	J 8x32	MMM
The College Hornpipe	R 8x32	Book 20
The Lea Rig	S 8x32	Book 21
Argyll's Fancy	J 4x48	Graded Book
Teacher's Choice•		
Macdonald of the Isles	S 3x32	Carnforth Collection 2
Ladies' Fancy	J 8x32	Book 13
Fife Ness	R 8x32	4 for 1978

INTERVAL

The Frisky	J 8x32	Book 26
Fisherman's Reel	R 5x32	S Petyt-Dunblane Holiday
Teacher's Choice•		
Tribute to the Borders	J 8x32	RSCDS Leaflet
The Duke & Duchess of Edinburgh	R 8x40	Book 39
Miss Gibson's Strathspey	S 8x32	RSCDS Leaflet
St Andrew's Fair	J 8x32	5 for 1982
The Highland Rambler*	R 8x40	Leeds Silver Jubilee Book

Extras

Campbell's Frolic	J 8x32	Book 15
The Montgomeries' Rant	R 8x32	Book 10
The Dream Catcher	S 1x96	Book 45
The Sailor	R 8x32	Book 24

* No recap • Walk through

Summer Tea Dance and Ceilidh May 18th

Our Summer tea dance and Ceilidh took place on one of May's rare sunny days and, as usual was attended by an enthusiastic crowd

It was lovely to have live music from our new musician Malcolm Dews, who proved to be a great success. We (Malcolm and Catherine) particularly enjoyed his sensitive playing of our favourite dance 'The Dream Catcher'.

Alan and Susan Carr MC'd the dancing in their usual expert way and joined in some of the dances. It was a real pleasure to see them back on the dance floor sharing in our love of dancing. Thank you Susan and Alan - we feel it has been a privilege to have been taught by such experts.

The Borrowdale Exchange was enormous fun, if not a little chaotic. everyone becomes so busy cavorting round the dance floor and saying "Hello" that we only just make it to the next circle in time as the dance progresses. Perhaps we should add an extra 8 bars!

Spurred on by the fun and socializing the afternoon raced by, so all too soon it was time for tea. And what a tea! The ladies excelled themselves with scrumptious food, encouraging us all to eat more and more - WHEW. The generous servings eventually meant we had to give in; leaving a table full of goodies to consume the next night at our regular Tuesday night class.

Well done girls! Good thing we danced BEFORE our tea.

Thank you to all who came to make our Summer Tea Dance such a success

HAPPY DANCING Malcolm and Catherine Byrne



Sat 17th October 2009 approx 7.45pm following AGM WALK THROUGH SOCIAL DANCE West Park Centre, Spenn Lane

Music: Ian Slater MC: Avis Harrison
Programme by Alan & Susan Carr
Admission: £8, Non-member £9, Full time Education £3,
Children under 11 £2, Spectators £1

Programme

Hooper's Jig	J 8 x 32	MMM2
Blooms of Bon Accord	R 4 x 32	Drewery Deeside 2
John McAlpin	S 8 x 32	RSCDS 2007
Joie de Vivre	J 8 x 32	Book 39
Mrs MacLeod	R 8 x 32	Book 6
Jean Martin of Aberdeen	S 3 x 32	RSCDS 2006
Jessie's Hornpipe	R 8 x 32	Book 8
Ian Powrie's Farewell to Auchterarder*	J 1 x 128	Hamilton

INTERVAL

Jubilee Jig	J 8 x 32	RSCDS Leaflet
Miss Johnstone of Ardrossan	R 5 x 32	Goldring 14 for 2000
Wisp of Thistle	S 8 x 32	Book 33
Figure it Out	R 3 x 32	Goldring Gr & Soc 3
The Starry Eyed Lassie	J 8 x 32	Book 23
The Wind on Loch Fyne	S 3 x 32	Dunedin 1
The Diamond Jubilee	J 4 x 32	Book 31
The Reel of the 51st Division	R 8 x 32	Book 13

Extras

A Trip to Bavaria	R 4 x 32	Collins
The Sailor	R 8 x 32	Book 24
Oriel Strathspey	S 4 x 32	Book 32
Round Reel of Eight	R 1 x 88	Book 27

* No recap or walkthrough

White Rose Festival 2009

We all watched the weather forecast; will it, won't it? BUT it didn't! July 11th was bright and sunny.

HURRAH - NO RAIN

Malcolm and Catherine arrived early to 'set up camp' with a big garden umbrella marking a place for the Leeds' teams to gather. There was no mistaking our teams as they arrived - our new outfits stood out in the crowd. Many people congratulated us on our 'New Look' and we certainly looked impressive on the field. A very special "Thank You" to Judy who, despite not dancing in the festival, helped out some of the ladies by making several of the skirts. This was so very kind of her. Well done all for your sewing skills! Not only was our 'New Look' a sartorial success we were also all extremely comfortable.

How appropriate that the opening ceremony was performed by Maureen Haynes? This year's festival was a tribute to the late Derek Haynes who left us a wonderful library of skillfully written dances. This was the start of a very successful and thoroughly enjoyable day. Maureen must have felt very emotional watching a field full of people dancing his contributions to Scottish Dancing. I hope Maureen enjoyed her time with us and that she took home some happy memories.

Music from George Meikle and the Lothian Band beckoned to us from across the field. Our dancing is inspired and improved by their melodic accompaniment. All of the Leeds' teams danced well and as I watched our demonstration teams I felt a great swelling of pride that we were the best on the field.



Many thanks go to Don Andrews, Catherine Livsey and Susan & Alan Carr for their patience and excellent teaching. What would we do without their exceptional skills? I'm confident we never let you down and hope we inspire similar pride in working with us.

The children were a joy; lots of smiling happy faces reeling and jigging with great enthusiasm. They should be praised and encouraged as they are the future of Scottish dancing; when we oldies can only watch from our wheelchairs!

Thank you so much to the highly competent MC's who kept the whole festival flowing: Gerry Yates during the afternoon and, in the evening, Alan Carr and Don Andrews. From the Grand March to the last dance of the night it was a truly remarkable day.



For the first time Malcolm and I decided to eat at the school. A real treat, the food, especially the lasagne, was very good and added to the superb value for money for the whole festival. Out of curiosity I calculated the total cost of the day. The dancing, food (even a glass of wine with supper and two ice creams at £1 each) and music, all in a great location - £35 for the two of us!

What more could one wish for? A day full of dancing; inside and outside in the fresh air; along with many friends and visitors who also love Scottish Country Dancing as much as we do. Why did we find it so late in our life? Though we are both so happy we did find this joyful way to exercise, socialise, keep mentally fit and just have great fun.

Long may the White Rose Festival flourish!

Malcolm and Catherine

Thank You

Thanks to all our teachers who spend a lot of time sorting out classes, in particular teaching dances from our Saturday programmes. Special thanks to those involved in taking the classes for the festival. This year I'm certain that they were pleased that we were able to dance outside once again. I hope that you will continue for many years to come. I hope the children appreciate Brenda's hard work she puts in; I hope you keep on dancing for years to come. **Lesley Enoch**

Thank you to Heather Craven and Pat Hynes for all their help with the new outfits and also to anyone that helped sew sashes etc. I really appreciated it.

Catherine Livsey

This time the weather was kind to us, so it was lovely to have the children and the adults both dancing on the field again. The number of teams was much as in previous years. The evening dance was well attended, and the Gateways School staff looked after us splendidly, as they always do.

An appreciation of the event appeared in the London Branch publication 'The Reel', under the heading 'Demonstration Team'. As follows:-

The dem. team finished the season with a flourish, the annual visit to the Leeds White Rose Festival on 11 July, where about 300 dancers gathered at the Gateways School to dance on the grassed sports field half surrounded by a raised bank which makes an ideal vantage point for spectators. We were joined by a team from the technique class. The MacLennans, featuring several past dem. team members, were in the same corner of the field, so London as a whole was well represented. The rain stayed away, some cloud cover prevented us from getting too hot and the music of George Meikle's Band lifted our hearts and our steps. We tackled all four demonstration dances, which as usual were quite (some might say fiendishly) complicated and thanks to some serious preparation executed them all with what we hope was style; and our crossed foursome got a special mention.

The evening dance in the sports hall was tremendous; feet and spirits really took off. We send our thanks and congratulations to Leeds Branch for organising what is such an enjoyable event that brings out the best in Scottish country dancing and dancers.

James Fairbairn - The Reel No 269



Branch Award for Terry Chater



Terry Chater receiving his Joint Branch Awards from Jan and Catherine, Chairs of Richmond and Leeds Branch, for his dedication to the teaching of children for both Branches.



I would like to thank all the Leeds Branch members for their kind thoughts and good wishes. Over 60 wrote letters, signed cards or telephoned following my operation in June.

Three months minimum recuperation is required, so I hope to be at the September dance at West Park.

The branch award and presentation at the White Rose Festival was a marvelous surprise and a complete shock, I had to sit down in the band's marquee for at least five minutes as my legs would not hold me.

My thanks to Brenda, Catherine and any one else who was involved in arrangement and organisation.

Sincerely, Terry

Dancing at the Waterfront Festival

The day after the White Rose. A small group of set off with aching legs from the day before, to Dance at a very windy Waterfront Festival at Clarence Dock, Leeds. We demonstrated dances and got people to join in. Thanks to all who took the time to come and Dance.

Catherine Livsey



Exam Success for Cairn Dancers

Hard work paid off for eight dancers in the Dewsbury based Cairn Dancers (Cancer Research) group who recently passed the new RSCDS exam for adults.

They are only the second group in the country to take this exam, and the ages of the dancers ranged from teens to 60s. Teacher Diana Ashworth said they had worked hard, attending extra classes, with the rewards being well worth it - three passed with a distinction, three credits and two passes.

"We would like to thank Brenda Burnell and Avis Harrison for their time and help, especially Brenda, for liaising between headquarters and myself", Diana said.

"I was really pleased with the dancers, and I want to take this opportunity to say Well Done to everyone".

Forthcoming Joint Ball

The Joint Ball with RSCDS York & North Humberside will be held at Riley Smith Hall, Tadcaster on Saturday 21 November 2009 7.30pm -11pm. to the Music of the Ian Thomson Band. Tickets £13.50 including Supper.

For tickets and further information contact: Lesley Enoch for tickets on 0113 2777113 or email: l.enoch@btinternet.com

Programme

Maxwell's Rant	R	32 x 8	Bk 18
Miss Allie Anderson	J	32 x 8	RSCDS leaflet
Sands of Morar	S	32 x 8	Bk 45
The Montgomeries Rant	R	32 x 8	Bk 10
The Nurseryman	J	32 x 8	Bk 36
Branches Together	S	96 x 1 sq	Goldring
Highland Rambler	R	40 x 8	Leeds 25
Chequered Court	J	32 x 8	Bk 42
Jean Martin of Aberdeen	S	32 x 3	RSCDS 2006
Mairi's Wedding	R	40 x 8	Cosh

Interval

Kendall's Hornpipe	J	32 x 6	Graded Bk
Sueno's Stone	R	32 x 8	RSCDS 2008
Rose of the North	S	32 x 8	Leeds 25
South from Oban	J	40 x 8	Leeds 10
Miss Johnson of Ardrossan	R	32 x 5	14 Social
Cape Town Wedding	S	32 x 8	Bk 39
Follow me Home	J	32 x 8	Bk 38
Staffin Harvest	S	32 x 4	4 for 1978
Reel of the Royal Scots	R	32 x 8	RSCDS leaflet

Extras

Reel of 51st	R	32 x 8	Bk 13
Trip to Bavaria	R	32 x 4	McGregor

CHIC (Coloured Hose is Cool!)

We're kicking off a campaign to promote the wearing of coloured hose. We see so many good looking kilt outfits which admirably promote the elegance and good taste of traditional Highlandwear until that is you look at the legs and see the white hose!

Where the custom of white hose came from we just don't know but it seems to permeate every level of kilt-wearing ... pipe bands, weddings, and even famous public figures such as Sean Connery.

If you're buying ... don't buy white. Buy something that tones in with your kilt. If you're renting - don't accept white hose - ask for coloured or better still buy your own.

You'll then be the height of Highland 'cool'!

From The Tartan Herald, the official journal of the Scottish Tartans Authority, April 2009.

Sat 19th December 2009 7.30pm CHRISTMAS SOCIAL DANCE West Park Centre, Spenneth Lane

Music: Alan Ross MC: Don Andrews
Admission: £8, Non-member £9, Full time Education £3,
Children under 11 £2, Spectators £1

Programme

Waltz Country Dance	W	4x40	Book 4
Miss Hadden's Reel	J	8x32	Book 23
The Ladies of Dunse	R	8x40	Book 26
Miss Gibson's Strathspey	S	8x32	Leaflet
Tribute to the Borders	J	8x32	Leaflet
The Whistling Wind	R	8x32	Book 36
The Pleasure is Mine	S	6x32	Goldring Gr & Soc 3
The Bees of Maggieknockater	J	4x32	Collins (Drewry)
The Reel of the Royal Scots	R	8x32	Leaflet

INTERVAL

Uncle Bill's Jig	J	8x32	Goldring Gr & Soc 3
Milton's Welcome	R	8x32	Book 33
The Duchess Tree	S	8x32	Drewry Brodie Book
It's Just for Fun	J	8x32	Book 33
JB Milne	R	8x32	Collins (Foss)
The Dream Catcher	S	96	Book 45
Follow Me Home	J	8x32	Book 38
A Christmas Ceilidh	R	8x40	New Forest SCDC

Extras

The Moray Rant	S	3x48	Drewry Silver City
Happy Returns	R	8x32	MMM
A Trip to Bavaria	R	4x32	Collins (Brown)
The Hunting Horn	J	8x32	SCD Archives

All dances will be recapped

DATES, DATES, DATES

The many dances arranged locally are listed in the Yorks & North East Scottish Country Dance Diary.

2009

18th September

7.30 - 10.30pm

Ceilidh with a Scottish flavour

in aid of St Margaret's Church
Zimbabwean orphanage fund
St Margaret's Church Hall, Queen's
Road, Ilkley, LS29

All dances walked through.
Bar available: supper included.

Tickets £5 (children under 11 free)
from Nadine Wharton 01943
600860 or pay at the door

Sat 19 September Day School

St Chad's Parish Centre, Otley Road,
Leeds, West Yorkshire LS16 5JT

Teacher: Mervyn Short
Musician: Ian Slater

Morning Session Technique, for all
levels of dancers, with a good basic
knowledge of formations

Afternoon Session Unusual Social
Dances

Basic Course for Beginners and less
experienced dancers

Morning session only
Teacher: Catherine Livsey
Music: Recorded

Sat 19 September Social Dance 7.30pm

West Park Centre, Leeds
Music: Robert Whitehead
& Danelaw Band
MC Irene Dracup

Sat 2-4 October Leeds SCD Club Autumn Weekend

The Joseph Rowntree Centre, Cober
Hill, Cloughton, near Scarborough.

If you would like to join us for our
Autumn Weekend contact Lesley
Enoch 0113 277 7113.

Sat 17 October AGM 7pm followed by Social Dance at approx. 8.45pm

West Park Centre, Leeds
Music: Ian Slater
MC Avis Harrison
Programme Alan and Susan Carr

Sat 24 October Highland/Ladies Step Day School

Adel Methodist Church Hall,
Gainsborough Avenue, Adel,
Leeds 16

Teacher: Catherine Livsey

Sat 21 November Joint Ball with RSCDS York & North Humberside

Riley Smith Hall, Tadcaster
Music: Ian Thomson Band
Details on page 7

Sat 27-29 November Malhamdale Weekend Course

Teachers/Musician Pat and Peter Clark

The level of classes will be
Intermediate. Classes on Sat and Sun
morning. Dances on Fri and Sat
Evening. The cost will be £155 - a
deposit of £35 will secure your
place. The size of the dancing area
limits numbers, it is essential to
apply quickly! Preferably by June 1st.

More information and application
form from Yvonne Tredgett, 17
Aviemore Road, Warmsworth,
Doncaster DN4 9ND.
Tel: 01302 85 11 74.

Sat 5 December Day School, Scottish Dances of the time of Robert Burns

Bramhope Methodist Church
Teacher: Robin Lambie
Details on page 2

Sat 19 December Social Dance 7.30pm

West Park Centre, Leeds
Music: Alan Ross
MC Don Andrews

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Sat 16 January Social Dance 7.30pm

West Park Centre, Leeds
Music: Phill Jones

Full details of these events will be
circulated at Branch dances and
posted on the Branch web site
www.rscdsleeds.org.uk, were you
will find dance programmes and
dance reminders.

Classes

Autumn Term 2009

WC 14th September 2009
to WC 14th December 2009

Fees: £3.00 per class,
Single Class Term costs £33.00
Multi-Class Term costs £48.00

Classes

Monday Afternoon

1.45 - 3.45 - General/Beginner
Adel Methodist Church Hall, Gainsborough
Avenue, Adel, Leeds LS16 7PQ
Teacher: Don Andrews

Monday Evening

7.45 - 9.45pm - Experienced
Calverley Conservative Club,
Victoria Street, Calverley LS28 5PT
Teachers: Catherine Livsey
& Malcolm Brown 26 Oct to 23rd Nov

Tuesday evening

7.45 - 9.45 Intermediate/Beginner
Adel Methodist Church Hall, Gainsborough
Avenue, Adel, Leeds LS16 7PQ
Teacher: Irene Dracup

Wednesday evening

7.30 - 10.00 - General/Beginner
Holy Trinity Church Hall Knaresborough
and Markington Village Hall on
4th Wednesday of month
Teachers: Ann Baranyai and Malcolm Frost
This class restarts on 1st September.

Thursday Afternoon

2.00 - 4.00 - General/Beginner
St Margaret's Church Hall,
Ilkley LS29 9QL
Teacher: Don Andrews

Thursday evening

7.45 - 10.00 - General/beginner
Brackenwood Community Centre,
New Building, Lidgett Lane, Leeds LS17 6QP
Teacher: Brenda Burnell
This class continues all year round

Friday evening - children

5.30 - 7.00
Hawksworth Wood Primary School,
Broadway, Leeds LS5 3QE
Teacher: Brenda Burnell

Sunday afternoon

11 Oct, 29 Nov, 20 Dec 2009
& 10 Jan, 7 Feb, 14 March, 11 April,
9 May, 6 June & 4 July 2010
1.45 - 3.45 Askwith Village Hall, Askwith
Dancers with a good knowledge of steps
and figures and with ambitions to extend
their repertoire. All Welcome
Teacher: Catherine Livsey

For more information see www.rscdsleeds.org.uk